

BIG INCREASE IN PRICES OF GOODS

Advance Effects Beef, Pork, Ham, Flour and Other Necessities.

LOCAL RETAIL DEALERS SAY END IS NOT REACHED

Prices Generally Have Advanced From Five to Twenty Per Cent in Few Weeks—Retailers Deny That They Are Making Big Profits—Conditions Here Better Than in Other Cities.

While congress is investigating the causes of the increased cost of living, the price of necessities, more particularly food stuffs, are advancing daily and retailers predict that the end is not yet. During the past few weeks meats of all kinds, flour, butter, sugar, vegetables and other food stuffs have advanced in cost from five to twenty per cent and it is said that some of the housewives of Newport News as well as in many other cities are having a hard time in making both ends meet.

Local retailers deny that they are forced to pay the beef trusts from eight to nine cents a pound for whole beefs, this being an increase of two cents over the prices paid only a few weeks ago. Pork loins cost at wholesale fifteen cents per pound, while dressed hogs are bringing eleven and one-half cents per pound. This is an increase of three cents on the pound. Mutton is ten cents wholesale and lamb is twelve and one-half cents, an increase in each instance of two cents. Sausage brings ten cents, an increase of two cents.

Increase in Retail Prices.
Retail dealers are selling sirloin steaks at fifteen cents, porterhouse steaks at eighteen and twenty cents, round steaks at from twelve and one-half to fifteen cents. Stew beef is bringing from eight to ten cents per pound and chuck roast cost from ten to twelve cents a pound. Pork chops and pork roast sell at from sixteen to eighteen cents a pound. These prices represent an increase of from two to four cents per pound and are the highest that have prevailed here in many a day.

The advanced cost of wheat and corn are given by the packers as the causes for the increase in the price of meats. The packers also claim that the retailers are making a big profit in the sale of beef and pork, but this the local retailers deny most emphatically. One of them said yesterday that he pays from eight to nine cents for a beef and sells it at ten cents, which is but little profit when the waste is taken into consideration. Of course, some of the retailers get a slightly better price than this.

Flour Making Big Advance.
Flour has advanced \$1 a barrel in the past thirty days and the dealers say it will go even higher. This immense increase is caused by ever advancing price of wheat on the Chicago board of trade. Corn meals also have advanced in price recently, due to the increase in the price of corn.

Butter is included in the general advance, certain brands of it bringing as high as 42 1-2 cents per pound wholesale. Sugar also has advanced to \$5.20 on the hundred pounds. Two or three local retailers sell it at 5 and 1-2 cent, but the majority sell it at six cents a pound. Eggs also are on the increase, due to a scarcity in the market.

Ham and bacon are advancing along with the other articles, both bringing fifteen cents wholesale and retailing at eighteen and twenty cents. Smith field cured hams, of course, are much higher, the prices quoted being those brought by being cured in the big packing houses of the West.

Cabbage Go Up, Too.
Cabbage have increased in price from \$15 to \$40 a ton within a few months and are hard to get at even the high figure quoted. Six-pound cans of corn beef, roast and boiled beef, which six months ago sold for \$6 a dozen are now bringing \$10.50 per dozen.

A comparison of the prices made by local retailers with those made by the retailers of Norfolk, Richmond and other cities show that people here are more fortunate than those in the other cities. Eggs are bringing 40 and 45 cents a dozen in Norfolk, while certain brands of butter retail at from 50 to 60 cents per pound in the city across Hampton Roads. Likewise the prices of beef, pork, and cured meat in Norfolk and Richmond are from one cent to three cents higher than in this city.

Operate on Little Boy.
Master F. C. Lenz, 77, whose shoulder was broken several weeks ago by falling from a swing at North Newport News, was operated upon Wednesday at the Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore. The second operation was necessary because the bones did not knit properly. Mr. Lenz received word yesterday that the operation was entirely successful.

C. & O. Pay Car Here.
The Chesapeake & Ohio pay car arrived here yesterday morning on its regular monthly trip and the employees of the road here were paid off.

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SOCIAL-PERSONAL.

Mrs. W. K. Lacy has as her guest on Twenty-eighth street her sister, Miss Edna Curry, of Scranton, Pa.

Mrs. M. B. Hooper and children have returned from Philadelphia, where they spent a month with Mrs. Hooper's mother.

Miss Bertha Geiger, who has been visiting relatives in Southwest Virginia, has returned home. She was accompanied by Miss Agnes Marrett, of Lynchburg.

Mrs. R. M. Kuder and children have returned from Fredericksburg, where they visited Mrs. Kuder's parents.

Mrs. G. R. Kerby and Mrs. W. P. Willmore, who have been visiting relatives in Lynchburg and Bristol, have returned home. Miss Nance Willmore accompanied them.

Captain P. H. Mason, of San Francisco, and niece, Miss Clorine Mason, of Matthews county, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Himmelwright, on West avenue.

Miss Irma Allison has returned from a visit to relatives in Richmond and Petersburg.

Mr. Richard W. Lawrence has returned from a visit to relatives in Washington, D. C. His mother, Mrs. E. C. Lawrence, accompanied him home.

Miss Bernice Walsh, who has been the guest of the Misses Walsh, on Twenty-sixth street, has returned to her home in Radford, Va.

Miss Bessie Tietzworth, who has been spending several weeks with relatives in Norfolk and Portsmouth, has returned home.

Miss Jeanette Fitzgerald, of Cincinnati, is expected to arrive today to spend the remainder of the winter with her cousin, the Misses Fitzgerald, on Chestnut avenue.

Miss Nettie Coleman, who has been visiting relatives in Richmond and King William county, has returned home.

Miss Georgia Newcomb, of New York city, is the guest of Miss Anna Manville.

OFFICERS INSTALLED.

Warwick Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Holds Interesting Ceremony.

Warwick Lodge, No. 72, Knights of Pythias, held its annual installation of officers last night. Officers for the ensuing year were installed as follows:

Chancellor Commander—L. J. Bolling.
Vice-chancellor—W. S. Broadwell.
Prelate—M. S. Llewellyn.
Keeper of Records and Seals—W. H. Pearson.

Master-at-Arms—Bryan Turner.
Master of Finance—H. J. Valden.
Master of Exchequer—R. S. Basham.

Master of Work—C. J. Desper.
Inner Guard—J. W. Brooks.
Outer Guard—W. E. Council.
Representative to Grand Lodge—W. B. Colonna.

Alternate—N. E. Cofer.
Next Thursday night the lodge will give a banquet at the castle hall, Washington avenue and Thirty-second street. The banquet will be preceded by work in the second degree.

Balloon Passengers Land Safely.
(By Associated Press.)

AVIATION FIELD, LOS ANGELES, CAL., Jan. 13.—While Louis Paulhan, of France, did not do anything so wonderful today, after flying nearly a mile high, he took Mescarol and Maissou, his assistants, and circled the field several times, with them in his aeroplane and cut "cross lots" in what was said by some to be an attempt to slow down Glenn H. Curtiss, who was flying the regular course at the same time for a ten lap speed record. The passengers were landed safely.

Qualifies as Administratrix.
Mrs. Mary Adeline Coffey qualified yesterday as the administratrix of the estate of her late husband, Frank B. Coffey, who was killed by a switching engine on the local railroad yard several months ago. The estimated value of the estate left by Mr. Coffey was \$2,491.25.

Two More Alleged Vagrants.
Joe Stennett, of 119 Twenty-eighth street, and William Wales, of 2708 Washington avenue, were arrested yesterday by Detective Sergeant Bridgers and Patrolman Pearson on charges of vagrancy. Stennett was held by Justice Semmes for his appearance in the police court this morning, but Wales was sent to jail. R. R. Cofer was accepted as bondsman for Stennett in the sum of \$35.

Tows Barge to Havana.
Towing the new American barge H. L. Walker, the Norwegian steamer Thor, Captain Hansen, steamed yesterday for Santiago, Cuba, via Havana. The barge has been bought by a Cuban firm and will be used as a Cuban firm and will be used as a cargo of 1,400 tons of coal, valued at \$3,500, to Santiago.

Garnett Goes to Asylum.
Guard Hopwell, of the Williamsburg asylum, arrived here yesterday and took John P. Garnett back to the asylum. Garnett was arrested here Tuesday by Chief Reynolds.

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PROBLEM IS SERIOUS TO CREATE STATE TAX COMMISSION BOARD

Trustees Say Board Is Drifting Toward Bankruptcy.

DEFICIT GROWING YEARLY

Opening of New School Means Increase of Cost of Maintaining System—City Council Cannot Make up All of Shortage Occurring.

Members of the board of school trustees who are not in sympathy with the policy of the majority say that the school board is rapidly approaching bankruptcy. As proof of their statement they point to the deficit of \$15,000 in the funds of the board at the close of the present session.

While something like \$6,000 of this total deficit was carried over from last year, the cost of running the schools this term has far exceeded the revenues from all sources and the trustees estimate now that the excess next year will be even several thousand dollars greater. This is explained by the opening of the new school, the cost of insurance on that building and the money needed for employing the extra teachers as well as for heating the building and paying the janitor.

Call on Council for Aid.
The city council will be called upon next month to make up the present shortage of \$15,000 and again next session it will be asked to appropriate a sum sufficient to meet the deficit that must occur in the board's funds.

For more than a year, certain of the school trustees have taken the stand that the schools of this city must be second to none in the State, and that the council should be made to sufficiently supplement the school funds in order that the schools may be kept to the highest possible state of efficiency. Chairman Caleb D. West, of the council committee on finance sounded a warning note yesterday to the board. He said that he does not see how the council can make up all the shortage in the board's funds for this session.

Maximum Rate of Taxation.
He points out that the present rate of taxation for general and school purposes is up to the charter limit and that on November 1, 1909, there was a balance in the city treasury of only \$964.91, showing that at the maximum rate of taxation, the revenue of the city are barely sufficient to meet the current expenses and the interest on the public debt.

For several years now the school board has been spending several thousand dollars annually more than it receives from all sources. The deficit is increasing year by year, that for the present session almost doubling that of the last school term. In spite of this new improvements are constantly being made and the cost of conducting the schools is even increasing.

The trustees will put the matter squarely up to the city council for decision next month and the outcome is awaited with interest by the public generally and more especially by the trustees and the majority of the school patrons.

ASKS BARRINGER TO REPLY TO CHARGES

Investigating Board of the V. P. I. Sends Drastic Report to President.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 13.—An executive session of the board of visitors of the Virginia Polytechnic Institute, located at Blacksburg, was held today for the purpose of hearing certain charges made by what is known as the Welfare Committee of the alumni of the institute, of which Lawrence Priddy, of New York, is the chairman, against President Barringer, of the institute.

Nothing of the proceedings was given out, but it is understood that the committee made a very drastic report which was referred to President Barringer, with a direction that he reply to the charges contained in it at a meeting of the board to be held at Blacksburg March 25.

The charges are understood to be in the nature of misrepresenting conditions at the institute to the board, padding the attendance in reports, but do not include misuse of money.

President Barringer says only that he will be prepared to meet the attack upon him at the proper time and place.

Free Clinic Is Established.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—A free clinic for horses, dogs and cats has been established in New York by the American Society for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Mrs. James Speyer, president of the Women's Auxiliary of the society made the announcement today.

"The men would not do it," said Mrs. Speyer, "so we just pitched in and did it ourselves, and now the clinic is ready."

A BUSY DOCTOR

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Bill to Regulate Tax Assessments Introduced in Legislature—Committee Schedule.

RICHMOND, VA., Jan. 13.—With all the preliminaries of organization, the naming of committees, and the work of preparing the committee schedules behind them, the two houses of the general assembly of Virginia were called to order at noon today with everything ready for work.

Pursuing the policy of economy, retrenchment and equalization of taxes announced by the governor and the leaders of the two houses of the legislature, the bills which will be presented are in the main along the lines of conservatism in expenditures and appropriations and in radicalism along the lines of tax reforms and impositions.

Senator Polkes began a corporation tax campaign yesterday when he presented a bill for the imposition of a heavy tax upon the express companies doing business in the State, and Delegate Bell this morning in the house inaugurated a campaign for the equalization of taxes today when he presented for the consideration of the house a bill providing for the creation of a State commission which should assess the taxable property in the State.

Get Down to Work.
Emulating the promptness of the leaders in the two houses of the general assembly, who yesterday broke all records for getting down to work quickly and announced the standing committees of both houses and senate on the first day of the session, the chairmen of the standing committees met yesterday afternoon and made out the schedule for committee meetings.

That disagreeable work being over with the two houses can now get down to business without further ado and push through the session from the very start.

Few changes were made in the committee meeting schedule of the last session and although the personnel of the committee is changed most materially, especially on the house side, the rapidity with which the committees were named and the schedule adopted will give the members more time than is usual in which to become acquainted and get ready for the hard work of the session.

Committee Schedule.

The committee schedule is as follows:

Committee on privileges and elections meets every Monday and Friday at 10 a. m.

Committee on courts of justice meets Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Committee on schools and colleges meets Tuesday and Thursday at 4 o'clock p. m.

Committee on general laws meets Tuesday and Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m., and Saturday at 4 p. m.

Committee on roads and internal navigation meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Committee on finance meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Committee on claims meets on call of chairman.

Committee on militia and police meets on call of chairman.

Committee on asylums and prisons meets on Tuesday and Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Committee on labor and the poor meets on call of chairman.

Committee on public property meets on call of the chairman.

Committee on currency and commerce meets on call of chairman.

Committee on agriculture and mining meets on call of the chairman.

Committee on manufacture and mechanic arts meets on call of chairman.

Committee on counties, cities, and towns meets Tuesday and Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m.

Committee on officers and offices in the capitol meets on call of chairman.

Committee on executive expenditures meets on call of chairman.

Committee on retrenchment and economy meets on call of chairman.

Committee on federal relations meets on call of chairman.

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Committee on enrolled bills meets on call of chairman.

Committee on immigration meets on call of chairman.

Committee on Chesapeake and its tributaries meets on Wednesday and Friday at 4 o'clock p. m.

Committee on house expenses meets on call of chairman.

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Committee on rules meets on call of chairman.
Committee on library meets on call of chairman.
Committee on printing meets on call of chairman.
Committee on insurance and banking meets Saturday at 10 o'clock.
Committee on special, private and local legislation meets on call of chairman.
Joint committee on confirmation meets on call of chairman.

Chamber of Commerce Meeting.
The Chamber of Commerce will hold its regular meeting tonight at Rosenbaum's hall. Several matters of importance are to be considered and a full attendance of the members is expected.

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